

THE FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Street School Families,

Welcome back from what we hope was a restful winter vacation! Our students arrived this morning looking eager (though some a little tired!) and ready to learn as always, and it is great to see them again. We are looking forward to the coming month and more, as the solid **seven weeks** we have before our next break will provide time for powerful and exciting learning opportunities!

During the next two weeks, we'll be reviewing and reinforcing our core values and the habits that make us successful here at Floral Street. We'll talk this week about the "Floral FACTS" and always find it helpful when you can ask about these important words and concepts at home. The FACTS were developed five years ago as a way to help students understand what behaviors help them live out our core value of "Maximizing our Learning", and they are:

Focus

Attitude

Confidence

Try your Best

Stamina

Focus can be an especially import one in the first few days back from a vacation...☺

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Important Notes:

John P. Collins Awards for Excellence

We've written often about the exceptional quality of the educators who work at Floral Street School – it truly an honor to serve in an educational community with teachers and staff who are so committed, so dedicated to the success of our students. Recognizing this kind of excellence is important, and the Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) is looking for your help in doing so.

The SEF is embarking on a new endeavor: The John P. Collins Awards For Excellence will honor the exemplary efforts of those whose work brings to life the mission of the Shrewsbury Public Schools: *to provide students with the skills and knowledge for the 21st century, an appreciation of our democratic tradition and the desire to continue to learn throughout life*. The awards are named for former Superintendent of the Shrewsbury Public Schools John P. Collins, PhD, who served as Superintendent of Schools in Shrewsbury for 16 years (1978-1994) and continues to exemplify the highest standards of professionalism and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Information about this award can be found, along with nomination papers, on the SEF website at: <http://www.shrewsbury-edfoundation.org/> - or you can pick up papers here in the FSS office between 8am and 4pm.

Winter Weather & Clothing

Despite the fact that it was pushing 60 degrees during the vacation week, we'd like to provide a reminder about our outdoor recess routine during the winter. We have outdoor recess **whenever possible** – the fresh air and exercise are great for our students, and they both help to focus on important work once the recess period is over. Generally speaking, we will hold outdoor recess whenever the air and wind-chill temperature are 20° or warmer, including when there may be light precipitation.

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Dates

January 17

No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

February 21-25

No School – Presidents' Day & Winter Vacation

The full district school calendar is available at:

http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197_585906.pdf